



Membership Report

FISCAL YEAR 2026



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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As I reflected on this past year, I had the opportunity to reconnect with Anita Cook, OhioLINK's first systems librarian. She talked with pride about what OhioLINK members and staff accomplished with the Alma/Primo/Rapido migration. That achievement belongs to you: a community that attended the meetings, adapted workflows, solved problems, and kept library services moving through a period of significant change. It took patience, humor, persistence, and a real willingness to help one another.

My conversation with Anita is relevant because she offered an important reminder that I feel is worth sharing: The full value of such a major change is rarely realized immediately. She reminded me that when OhioLINK's first shared library system was implemented more than 30 years ago, it took years for libraries to discover new efficiencies, refine workflows, and develop the collaborative practices that would ultimately make OhioLINK a benchmark for consortia across the country. The system created opportunities for our work to evolve, but it was our members who transformed those opportunities into value for the consortium. I believe we are entering a similar period today.

This year's Summit theme, *From Migration to Momentum*, recognizes this progress. Momentum is not simply moving faster. It is about using what we have built in this new system to improve how we work together every day. We are already seeing examples taking shape.

The technologies we use will continue to evolve, and new approaches to teaching, learning, and research will continue to emerge. Our opportunity

is to ensure that OhioLINK and its member libraries evolve alongside them. OhioLINK now has a system that enables that work, and the next few years will be about figuring out how to use it in ways that strengthen local services and statewide collaboration.

The migration asked a great deal of our community. But it also brought people together in ways that will continue to matter. New relationships, project teams, discussion groups, and communities emerged as libraries worked together toward a very challenging but common goal. Those connections did not end with the migration, and we are working on integrating new and better ways to collaborate into OhioLINK work processes moving forward.

Throughout this report, you will see how we all worked together to reduce costs, expand access, improve accessibility, strengthen support for teaching and learning, and use shared expertise to address challenges that no institution should have to solve alone.

OhioLINK's greatest strength has always been its community: people who share their knowledge generously, solve problems together, and keep students, faculty, and researchers at the center of their work. This is OhioLINK's superpower. I am proud to work with all of you, and of what we will build together.

Amy



OHIOLINK INITIATIVES

In 2026, OhioLINK initiatives helped member institutions expand affordable learning options, strengthen local expertise, and support students statewide. Through programs that reduce textbook costs, build librarian capacity, and provide flexible online tutoring, OhioLINK delivered shared services that individual campuses could adapt to meet the needs of their students, faculty, and communities.

Reducing costs for students

The OhioLINK Affordable Learning Course Redesign Grants program helps students save money by supporting faculty who want to replace traditional textbooks with Open Educational Resources (OER). The program also gives instructors access to adaptable, high-quality course materials and connects them with certified OER specialist librarians for personalized consultations. As of fall 2025, 234 instructors from 64 OhioLINK institutions had completed the program, demonstrating both the scale of member participation and the statewide demand for affordable learning support. Updated program materials will support the fall 2026 grant cycle and help more member institutions expand OER adoption on their campuses.

Building campus OER expertise

To strengthen local support for faculty using OER, OhioLINK Affordable Learning funded three additional member librarians to become certified OER specialists through the Open Education Network's Certificate in [Open Education Librarianship](#). They join a statewide network of more than 20 certified specialists who are available to help faculty identify free, adaptable course materials that align with learning objectives. This growing network extends each campus's capacity to support affordable learning while giving OhioLINK members access to shared expertise across the consortium.

Expanding statewide affordable learning capacity

[OpenCon Ohio](#), an annual open education event organized by Cleveland State University, partnered with OhioLINK Affordable Learning to develop programming and secure grant funding for an in-person pre-conference event. The May 2026 [agenda](#) gave member institutions practical opportunities to learn from one another on topics including OER publishing platforms, data management, course marking, and OER in library systems. By connecting campus practitioners with actionable strategies, the event helped institutions bring new affordable learning approaches back to their local teaching and learning communities.

Forty-five participants received scholarships to attend the pre-conference event, and grant funding also supported meals and speaker honoraria. These

investments reduced barriers to participation and broadened access to professional development for OhioLINK members. Remaining grant funds will support OpenCon 2027 and compensate OER specialist librarians as they continue updating the OER Course Redesign Grants program.

Extending flexible academic support

eTutoring gives participating OhioLINK institutions a flexible way to supplement local student support through free-to-student online tutoring and writing review services. OhioLINK provides administrative support for this statewide service, including management of its platform, making it easier for campuses to extend academic help beyond traditional hours. This model is especially valuable for non-traditional students and others who need support outside standard tutoring center schedules. This year, eTutoring provided 900 asynchronous writing reviews and drop-in tutoring sessions for students across the state.

Building on strong College Credit Plus (CCP) student participation, OhioLINK has planned a fall 2026 pilot with two institutions to more systematically inform CCP students and faculty about the availability and benefits of eTutoring services. The pilot will be evaluated in 2027 to determine whether a broader rollout could help additional OhioLINK members reach more students with flexible academic support.

Connecting the statewide tutoring community

In response to eTutoring Advisory Committee discussions about students' changing needs, OhioLINK organized outreach to student success staff across the statewide tutoring community. Three bi-monthly online open discussions have strengthened connections among participating institutions and created space to share trends, ideas, and best practices. Participation from 60 Ohio institutions shows strong interest in collaborative approaches to student support and reinforces OhioLINK's role in helping members learn from one another.

Together, these initiatives show how OhioLINK helps member institutions scale local efforts for statewide impact: lowering costs for students, strengthening faculty and librarian support, and expanding access to academic resources that contribute to student success.

DISCOVERY & DELIVERY



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The OhioLINK Discovery & Delivery team continues to lead consortial systems and technology integration, including the shared library catalog in the Alma Network Zone, discovery services through Primo, authentication, and resource sharing for print and electronic content.

A year after moving to Alma, Primo, and Rapido, OhioLINK members are wrapping up implementation of the suite of Ex Libris software available through OhioLINK's Alma/Primo contract: Library Mobile, Alma Digital/Specto Digital Asset Management, RapidILL, and Leganto. Most member libraries worked with Ex Libris to implement the additional products and are introducing them on timelines that fit their own campus strategies.

The products give members more ways to connect library resources and services with their institution's teaching, learning, and research needs without negotiating separately for each tool or investing time and money in development.

Steady state for Discovery & Delivery

Moving from implementation means refining workflows, solving shared problems from the center, strengthening collaboration across institutions, and expanding services for library users.

In September 2025, three months after Alma go-live, OhioLINK asked members to respond to a brief, three-question "vibe check" survey. As expected after a project of this size and complexity, responses reflected a range of experiences, but the feedback pointed toward pragmatic optimism. Members recognized that, as staff gained confidence and local institutions had more opportunities to customize the system for their own needs, the migration was a significant step forward for the consortium.

That shift is taking shape. Library staff across OhioLINK are no longer simply learning the new system; they are using it in more complex, locally meaningful ways. Current work increasingly centers on improving workflows, adjusting practices, and identifying where the shared system can better support local priorities.

New system's potential

Alma, Primo, and Rapido have changed member library workflows, but they have also changed how OhioLINK can support the consortium. The modern platform allows OhioLINK staff to work more efficiently on behalf of all member libraries by addressing some issues once in the Network Zone that can be shared among institutions. For members, that means less duplicated local work, more consistent service across the consortium, and a stronger foundation for collaborating to address shared problems.

The new system also supports more interdisciplinary work, which will continue throughout the coming year. Cataloging, analytics, e-resources, resource sharing, user experience, communications, and member support work processes are less siloed and increasingly more interdisciplinary. That plays to OhioLINK's strength as a consortium, as solutions can be designed with both system-wide consistency and local library needs in mind.

System enhancements and support from the center

OhioLINK staff have created an active working list of Network Zone cleanup projects for systems, analytics, cataloging, e-resources, ETDs, and support for shared collections. This gives members improved visibility for important work that is ongoing on their behalf. Completed projects demonstrate the same member-centered value.

Member-identified Alma/Primo/Rapido issues continue to be managed through OhioLINK's existing governance structure. Feedback and suggestions advance through OhioLINK support, standing policy teams, and project team discussions. For example, music librarians raised concerns with the Database Improvement and Discoverability (DIAD) policy team about

automated deduplication. Collaboration among music cataloging experts at Oberlin College and OhioLINK led to a process that avoids deduplication by certain material types, such as scores, archival music, and sound recordings. The result for library users is an improved display of music resources in Primo, and individual libraries receive the benefit of these records without any local work.

Member support and practical learning

Alma/Primo/Rapido support did not end at go-live. OhioLINK continues to meet monthly with Ex Libris to discuss support issues and, with library directors' permission, monitors tickets submitted across the consortium. This gives OhioLINK a broader view of common concerns and helps identify patterns that may need additional documentation, training, escalation, or system-level attention.

OhioLINK has also continued to provide practical learning resources that help library staff build confidence in the new environment. Micro-learnings and downloadable Info Hub documentation offer focused guidance for specific work processes. Weekly Alma/Primo/Rapido office hours and individual consultations give staff a low-pressure place to ask questions, listen to colleagues' questions, and learn from real-world examples. Webinars such as "Watch Me Work" sessions, which continued after migration into this fiscal year, and topical sessions on Alma acquisitions provide a look at how other staff approach common tasks in the system.

For members, these support resources make the new system less abstract and more usable by leveraging colleagues' experiences across OhioLINK's statewide network, building confidence, and giving staff concrete ways to approach day-to-day issues.

New ways to collaborate

The statewide migration required an unprecedented level of cooperation among OhioLINK libraries. As that work wound down, members told OhioLINK that they valued the opportunity to work with and learn from colleagues at other institutions during the

migration and wanted those opportunities to continue. In response, OhioLINK created several new ways for members to continue to collaborate.

- A new Alma listserv gives any interested staff member a place to participate in open discussion.
- New groups in Basecamp are continuing to foster conversations for the consortium across member libraries.
- The LSP User Experience Project Team organized a Primo Next Discovery Experience (NDE) group with monthly "meetups" to serve as a forum for questions, shared experiences, and peer learning as members prepare to upgrade on their own schedules by the end of 2027.
- OhioLINK created a new kind of project team to support collaboration without an end date. The first long-term project team (LTPT) for Cataloging will foster community discussion. An Analytics LTPT will come next.

These new structures underscore that collaboration is part of the consortium's operating model, continuing the work processes begun during the migration.

Expanding resource sharing

Resource sharing remains one of the most basic and most valuable ways members and patrons experience the consortium's value. OhioLINK has reconnected sharing with the SearchOhio public library consortium, extending access to more materials for patrons in both communities.

OhioLINK collaborated with SearchOhio and the State Library to help Clarivate develop the completely new Rapido Consortial Borrowing software, replacing the aged INN Reach software that couldn't work with OhioLINK's new Rapido resource sharing software. Clarivate continues to refine the software to better integrate with the multiple public libraries' systems for smoother cross-consortial sharing.

Another area where OhioLINK has built on the Alma/Primo platform to improve consortial access and increase the utilization of shared materials is with RapidILL, an interlibrary loan tool for articles and book chapters where material is typically

delivered electronically. Fourteen OhioLINK libraries have already opted in to RapidILL, agreeing to fulfill requests from other participating RapidILL libraries in a timely way at no charge.

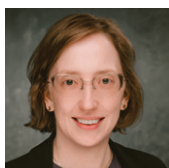
RapidILL also gives OhioLINK a way to extend resource sharing beyond the participating member libraries. The new platform has allowed OhioLINK to reach an even broader lending network through the creation of an OhioLINK-only “pod” that can be expanded to any library in the U.S. using Primo. To date, the pod has supported an equal amount of borrowing and lending. As use grows, RapidILL has the potential to help members provide faster fulfillment while keeping borrowing and lending activity manageable for staff.

Looking ahead

OhioLINK will continue to focus on sustaining effective collaboration with members, assisting with local customization, Network Zone improvements, analytics, Primo NDE transition planning, consortial reporting, and resource sharing. The migration’s momentum benefits library staff through reduced local work, and the improved experience of the students, faculty, researchers, and Ohio library patrons who depend on OhioLINK libraries.



LICENSING & ANALYTICS



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OhioLINK’s Licensing & Analytics staff provides the analysis needed to ensure data quality and support evidence-based decision-making for the consortium. Its work includes collecting and analyzing data on shared OhioLINK e-resources, open access publishing, and key performance metrics. The team also collaborates on licensing negotiations and resource contracts and works closely with OhioLINK policy and implementation teams on e-resources and collection development. Building on that

foundation, the team helps OhioLINK identify, evaluate, and negotiate shared resources that meet member needs at the best value.

Steady state for Licensing & Analytics

Alma and its interoperable software are changing how OhioLINK and member libraries manage shared e-resources, resolve access issues, analyze data, and plan for future needs. OhioLINK’s objective is to reduce duplicative work for individual libraries while strengthening shared decision-making across the consortium.

The transition to Alma has created new ways for OhioLINK to manage resources and support member libraries. Licensing & Analytics’ work is expanding to help members adapt to managing e-resources in the Alma environment, where better data, shared workflows, and centralized support can reduce the need for local efforts and strengthen consortial decision-making.

For member libraries, the Alma system means less local effort through more centralized support, better data for decision-making, and stronger access to shared resources. It also gives members more opportunities for input on OhioLINK services through project teams and shared planning. As member libraries become more familiar with Alma, OhioLINK is shifting toward support for using the system’s data, workflows, and shared infrastructure to inform consortial decisions, improve services, and plan for long-term needs.

To support this evolving work, OhioLINK continues to strengthen its analytical capacity. Sam Stahler joined the Licensing & Analytics team this year as Service & Resource Data Coordinator, a role focused on collecting, analyzing, and reporting data related to e-resources and managing data for OhioLINK services that support access, assessment, and decision-making across the consortium.

In addition, Alma allows OhioLINK staff to manage consortial core resources such as content, metadata, and linking updates centrally on behalf of the consortium in the Network Zone. When a member reports a problem with content or links in the Network Zone, OhioLINK can often troubleshoot in a way that benefits all members without any local actions needed.

For example, Licensing & Analytics collaborated with the User Experience (UX) Policy Team to create a policy and procedure for using direct SSO authentication to the O'Reilly collection in Primo and updating user-facing notes to improve user experience in Primo. In addition, better data in the new system has resulted in improvements, including new Alma Analytics reports on titles leaving the Safari/O'Reilly collection and subject areas in the Electronic Journal Center (EJC).

OhioLINK continues to track emerging issues that could affect library contracts and services. Surveys and regular conversations with deans, directors, librarians, and library staff help identify member priorities, including usage rights, contract language, and potential impacts on libraries and services. This clearer understanding of member needs will guide contract renewals and negotiations heading into 2027.

Centralized monitoring with a statewide perspective provides important consortial value for vendor relationships and keeps emerging issues from becoming one-library-at-a-time challenges.

Members shape shared decisions

The Cooperative Information Resources Management (CIRM) Policy Team continues to provide an extremely effective statewide structure for member collaboration on shared collections and acquisitions. A variety of CIRM project teams worked throughout the year to bring together member collections expertise for consortial priorities while concurrently discussing local preferences.

This year's teams addressed a wide range of member needs. The Core Resources project team gathered member feedback on priorities for shared resources, including the evolution of open access publishing and emerging artificial intelligence.

Other projects focused on readiness and planning. A Libraries Connect Ohio project team reviewed usage, partner needs, implementation requirements, and timelines to develop plans for the partnership's next five-year contract cycle. OhioLINK leads resource negotiations for the Ohio library organization, which provides the Ohio Web Library core collection of e-resources for all Ohioans. We also established a Nursing Resources

project team to examine the possibility for consortial resources.

For members, these project teams create a practical way to bring local expertise into statewide decisions. They also help OhioLINK understand where members need new resources, policy updates, training, or coordinated action.

Value of e-resources

OhioLINK continues to use data and member expertise to evaluate shared resources. Renewals are reviewed using OhioLINK's core resource rubric, which includes 34 questions that help evaluate such factors as usage over time, cost savings, trends, and alignment with Ohio's educational priorities. AI features and contract language were added to the rubric this year.

OhioLINK's annual custom Delta Think analysis also supports contract evaluation by helping quantify what is subscription-only access compared with what is available through open access. This information strengthens OhioLINK's negotiations and helps align publishing and usage trends with member needs.

Avoiding publishing costs

Transformative open access publishing agreements continue to provide major member value. OhioLINK now has six transformative agreements that have helped Ohio authors and their institutions publish 10,000 open access articles and avoid paying more than \$37 million in publishing fees—at no additional cost to member institutions. The Institute of Physics (IOP) and American Chemical Society (ACS) agreements were both renewed in January 2026 through the end of 2028. The ACS renewal added access for members to all their journal titles (members already had that benefit through the existing agreement with IOP).

The Open Access Analysis project team continues to assess the value of open access within OhioLINK's consortial agreements. The analysis will be utilized in the negotiations for Springer and Wiley agreements, which are being considered for renewal at the end of 2026.

Member benefits for OhioLINK's transformative agreements are both financial and operational:

avoided publishing costs for their authors and institutions, stronger negotiating and support leverage, more journal access, and less administrative work for individual libraries.

Managing change together

In addition to the Alma/Primo transition, OhioLINK has been able to help members manage transitions in other areas of e-resource management. As a consortium, OhioLINK is working with members to update older EBSCO configurations, improve account structures, and prepare for future upgrades.

After helping member libraries migrate to the new EBSCOhost user interface in 2025, in 2026, OhioLINK supported members through EBSCO's move from legacy EBSCOadmin functions to its new Experience Manager tool. OhioLINK is coordinating with member libraries to clean up accounts, protect database access, streamline interface configuration, and improve usage reporting.

These changes also make it possible for OhioLINK to maintain a consortium-level account while individual libraries maintain appropriate parent-child relationships within their own organizations.

For local staff, this work protects user access, simplifies administration, and improves the reliability of usage data needed for reporting, planning, and renewal decisions.

Looking ahead

The Licensing & Analytics team will continue to focus on member support, shared data, and practical improvements that serve member needs in a time of change and help libraries enhance services for their campuses, students, and faculty. OhioLINK's work ahead will include continued monitoring of AI and contract language, enhancing the use of Alma analytics, resource renewals, ongoing support for e-resource access, and new opportunities for members to collaborate on shared collections.

OhioLINK's approach remains grounded in collaboration: listening to member needs, using data to guide evidence-based decisions, and building services that reduce local burden while strengthening the consortium as a whole. For members, the value is practical: stronger shared

systems, clearer data, more reliable access to resources, and less work that has to be addressed one library at a time.

OPERATIONS & PLATFORMS



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OhioLINK's Operations & Platforms team continues to focus on keeping the consortium's shared systems stable, secure, accessible, and easy to use so members can focus on serving their local communities. Much of this work happens behind the scenes, but its benefits are visible every day: reliable access to shared resources, faster resolution when issues arise, stronger security, better usage data, and consistent support for member institutions. Troubleshooting remains a top priority, but the team's ongoing maintenance, upgrades, and platform improvements are equally important to ensuring that OhioLINK services address member needs.

Steady state for Operations & Platforms

Following the systems migration, several strategic enhancements have been implemented to streamline operations, foster cross-functional collaboration, and strengthen community engagement. Key operational updates include:

Policy standardization & governance: OhioLINK established a standardized policy process featuring a uniform template, mandatory five-year review cycles, and consistent communication workflows.

Increased policy team visibility: Policy teams developed new consortial guidelines aligned with the Alma platform. Chairs will present updates at quarterly Library Advisory Council meetings in addition to providing written reports.

Expanded opportunities for member collaboration & community: Building on the collaborative successes of migration working groups, new avenues for involvement were created, including open-membership project teams (starting with Cataloging & Metadata), advisory sub-groups for implementation teams, and informal open discussions for peer-to-peer support.

Cross-functional operations: OhioLINK introduced bi-weekly cross-team support meetings to address the interconnected nature of support issues within the new system.

Updated resources: New documentation and support content is available for the new system on Ostaff.

Strengthening shared systems

A major authentication project, completed in May 2025, supported the Alma system migration by retiring a legacy system and developing a custom proxy resolver for a single, local-institution-branded login. This work simplified access for users while strengthening the infrastructure that supports OhioLINK's shared e-resources.

OhioLINK continued that modernization by sunsetting the legacy shared EZproxy service at the end of June 2026. Affected members worked closely with OhioLINK and OhioNet to prepare, test, and move to dedicated proxy services. The result is a better patron experience when accessing e-resources and more accurate, complete usage statistics for institutions.

The Member Portal remains a secure place for directors to review their library's OhioLINK and e-resource information. Several Member Portal releases have also been completed since the 2025 Authorization Project, including a major update to meet cloud platform security requirements and support Ostaff accounts.

Advancing accessibility

Accessibility ensures that OhioLINK's shared collections and services are useful and usable for all. It is also a shared responsibility among vendors, OhioLINK, and member institutions. Vendors are responsible for meeting current accessibility standards, publishing exceptions,

and making reasonable remediation efforts. OhioLINK supports members by negotiating accessibility language in vendor contracts, monitoring product accessibility, advocating on our members' behalf, and facilitating communication between vendors and members. Members apply their local accessibility standards, conduct testing as needed, and report non-conformance directly to vendors.

The Accessibility Implementation Team (ACCIT) helps address digital accessibility and support requests in collaboration with appropriate local staff to ensure that shared e-resources are available to all users. This year, OhioLINK offered a series of three accessibility-focused webinars featuring Clarivate, Elsevier, EBSCO, and The Ohio State University Libraries, giving members practical insight into vendor practices and emerging approaches such as AI-supported accessibility work.

Improving member reference and support

Member support remains central to OhioLINK operations, and the consortium's strength is grounded by a strong two-way partnership with member libraries. OhioLINK provides shared resources and support, while member participation helps shape priorities, services, and workflows. One important way that partnership is sustained is through clear, current reference information members can use in their daily work.

Ostaff, OhioLINK's member-only website, is a key communication and reference hub. This year, it moved to a hosted, cloud-based platform and was reorganized for the Alma/Primo environment, making current guidance, consortial settings, and other essential information easier to find.

New Alma/Primo pages provide documentation for consortial settings, local options, and specialized functional areas, including Acquisitions, Analytics, Discovery, E-resources, Metadata, Resource Sharing, Support, and Systems. Migration-era materials—including working group documents, meeting notes, recorded content, and wrap-up meetings—remain archived and accessible as a reference when needed.

OhioLINK also continues to facilitate online meetings such as Primo NDE meetups and “Watch Me Work” sessions, giving members opportunities to learn from one another, ask questions, and apply shared solutions locally.

As questions arise, OhioLINK is creating targeted learning opportunities and practical resources. For example, when Network Zone staff meetings discussed member questions about acquisitions in Alma, CIRM, OhioLINK’s Cooperative Information Resources Management policy team, prepared the “[Acquisitions in Alma: Fund Structure and Fiscal Rollover](#)” webinar.

OhioLINK also supported members through EBSCO Experience Manager UI changes by working with the vendor to offer member presentations and custom, useful information via Ostaff.

These resources help members adapt to new workflows more efficiently and give library staff access to practical, OhioLINK guidance.

Using Alma to improve shared practices

The move to Alma highlighted the need to update policies, procedures, and shared documentation. In response, OhioLINK created Ostaff pages for a new policy template, developed a communications plan for Library Advisory Council-approved policies, and created [new policies and supporting documents](#), including a five-year policy review cycle. These changes give members clearer expectations, easier access to current guidance, and a more consistent process for policy review and implementation.

Working in the Network Zone also revealed cleanup projects and other needed actions that can now be managed at the consortial level. Thanks to Alma’s administration features, OhioLINK can make many improvements centrally and push them to members without requiring local labor. Members can follow progress for the active [Network Zone projects](#) list and suggest additions through OhioLINK’s standing teams, project teams, or support channels.

Keeping members connected and informed

Ostaff updates, [listservs](#), Basecamps, Info Hub articles, micro-learning, and webinars help sustain ongoing discussions and information sharing about security, maintenance, accessibility, and user experience. A new [OhioLINK Alma listserv](#) and Primo NDE Basecamp were added this year so members can ask questions, share experiences, and discuss Alma/Primo with peers across the state.

To help members better understand how the consortium operates and how team representation shapes shared policy and procedures, OhioLINK updated its “[How OhioLINK Works](#)” webinar in April. The recorded webinar explains governance, decision-making, funding, services, and platforms. OhioLINK also revised and revamped its annual fall orientation and companion ready-reference Briefing Book for incoming library deans and directors.

Looking ahead

OhioLINK’s Operations & Platforms work will continue to focus on turning recent modernization efforts into stable, well-supported member services. Priorities include refining workflows, ongoing cleanup and centrally managed improvements, keeping Ostaff and the Member Portal current, and using member questions to shape practical training, documentation, and support. Accessibility, security, and usage data will remain areas of attention, along with clear communication that helps members understand consortium changes, prepare for new requirements, and share effective practices. Together, this work will help OhioLINK transition toward continuous improvement, stronger shared standards, and more consistent support for libraries statewide.

WHO WE SERVE



750,000+
higher ed students



47,000+
faculty & researchers



51,000+
state employees



1.6M+
K-12 students



7.3M+
public library patrons

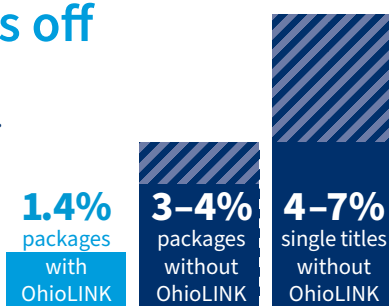


**1.1 INTERACTIONS
PER SECOND**

**STUDENTS, FACULTY & STAFF INTERACT WITH
OHIOLINK RESOURCES 34,689,600 TIMES A YEAR**

Negotiation pays off

OhioLINK keeps annual cost increases below market rates. Average journal costs for packages and single titles were much higher than OhioLINK's increase on journal packages.



OhioLINK delivers print and e-content for

\$59.92
PER STUDENT

**OhioLINK negotiations
save 97% OFF
publishers' list price,
+\$1.3 BILLION
PER YEAR**

Using OER for one semester of the Course Redesign grantees' classes could save students over
\$3,000,000
in textbook costs



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institutions from
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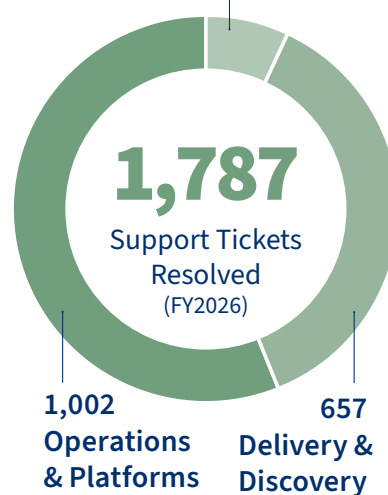
WHAT WE DO

Staff Metrics

FY2026

NZ records imported	14,174
E-books claimed	1,262
E-journals claimed	15,888
Meetings facilitated*	275
Members engaged*	6,121
Member surveys completed	86
Survey responses analyzed	3,025
Contracts processed	31
Invoices created	1,528

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Locally Managed Content

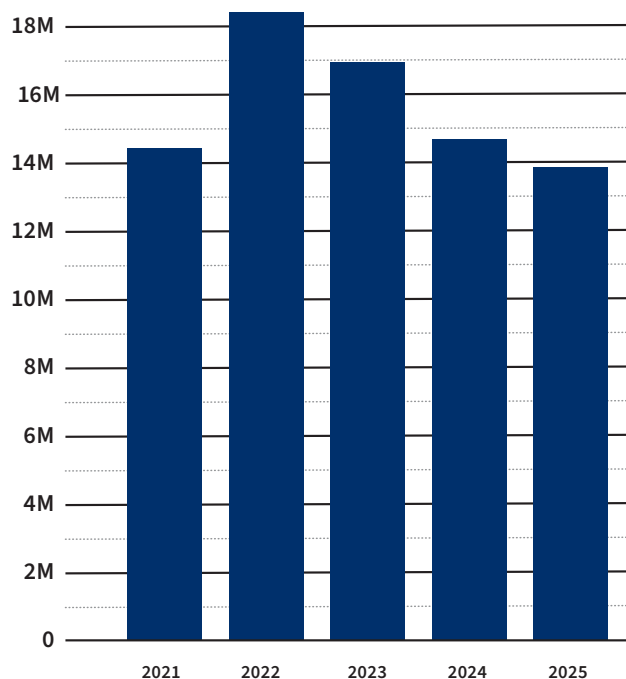
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Digital archive items	157,726
E-book titles	218,630
E-theses & dissertations	157,701
E-journal articles	46,538,080
Finding aids	7,609
Music Center items	81,814

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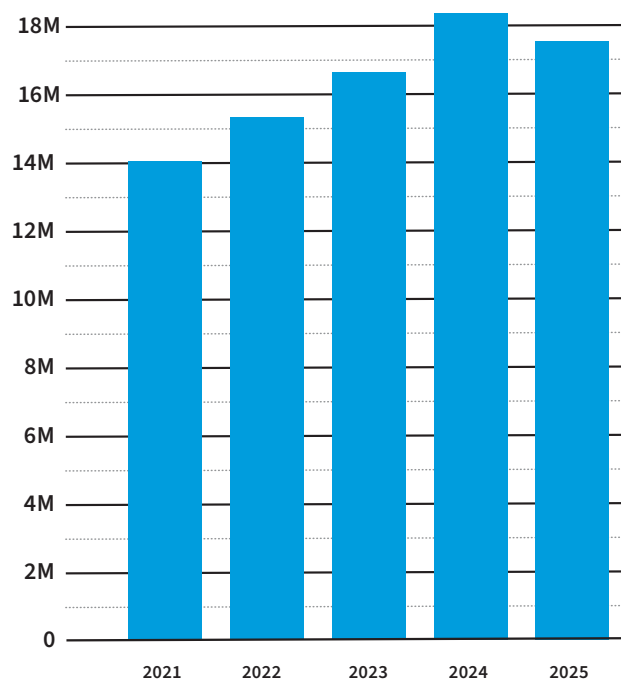
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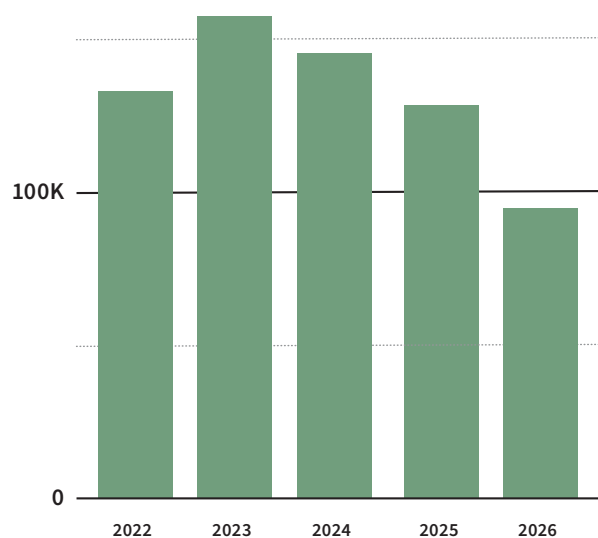
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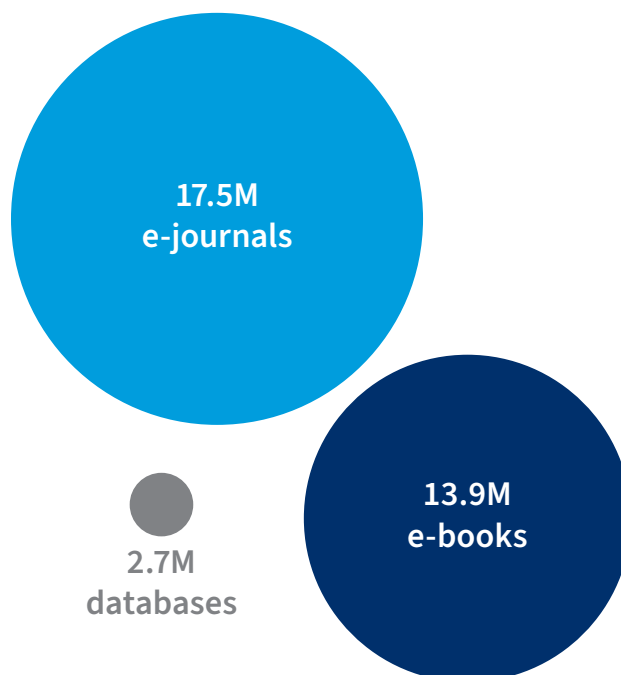
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*Borrowing was suspended March–April 2022 and May–June 2025. Borrowing with SearchOhio was suspended April 2025–March 2026.

E-resource Downloads

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